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SUBJECT: S AND T AGREEMENT: ELECTROMETALLURGY

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1. US SIDE HAS FINALLY COMPLETED CANVASS OF USG AGENCIES REGARDING POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH USSR IN ELECTRO-METALLURGY.
2. AT SAME TIME, AND INDEPENDENTLY, AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY (AWS) HAS PROPOSED SENDING A WELDING DELEGATION TO USSR TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR CLOSER CONTINUING CONTACTS BETWEEN SOVIET AND AMERICAN WELDING GROUPS.
3. SUBSEQUENTLY, SECRETARIAT CONVENED MEETING OF INTERESTED US AGENCIES AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF AWS, DURING WHICH CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT FOR PATON INSTITUTE AND OTHER SOVIET WELDING AND METALLURGICAL INSTITUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS ON PART OF US SPECIALISTS WERE REVEALED, ESPECIALLY THROUGH CONTACTS IN INTERNATIONAL

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INSTITUTE OF WELDING.

4. CONCLUSION OF MEETING WAS CONSENSUS THAT A US DELEGATION SHOULD BE ASSEMBLED TO VISIT SOVIET INSTITUTIONS AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR CLOSER COOPERATION. BELIEVE, IF POSSIBLE, VISIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN EARLY FALL. SOME DISCUSSION WAS DIRECTED TO SCOPE OF COOPERATION INCLUDING BROADENING TO INCLUDE WELDING, FORGING, CASTING, MELTING, ETC. MOST LIKELY COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION WOULD INCLUDE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, POSSIBLY NASA, AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY, NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL'S NATIONAL MATERIALS RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD, SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES AND, POSSIBLY INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPANTS, ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF COMPANIES ALREADY HAVE LINKS TO PATON OR OTHER INSTITUTES IN USSR.

5. NEXT STEP ON US SIDE WILL BE TO CONVENE SMALL PLANNING GROUP SELECTED FROM ABOVE TO DEVELOP A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR SOVIET SIDE. PRELIMINARY REACTION TO ABOVE FROM SCST WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO GUIDE US AS WE PROCEED. RUSH

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